Saturday, May 15, 2010

Wildlife Status to Date

- Eight live birds have been admitted to the wildlife rehabilitation centers: two Northern Gannets, one Green Heron, three Brown Pelicans, one Magnificent Frigate Bird, and one Laughing Gull.
- Sixteen birds were dead on arrival: Four Northern Gannets, one Rock Dove, one Sora, five Laughing Gulls, one Cattle Egret, two Brown Pelicans, one American White Pelican, and one Frigate Bird.
- Of these, five have been cleaned: one Northern Gannet, one Brown Pelican, one Green Heron, one Brown Pelican, and one Laughing Gull.

Response

- One air operation survey was conducted Friday along the coastline from Mobile Bay west to the Pearl River, and barrier islands.
- Two wildlife teams were deployed Friday by boat from Bayou La Batre. No oiled shorelines were observed, but the teams transported birds to the rehab center in Theodore, AL.
- Two ground operations surveyed shorelines between eastern Alabama and western Florida. No signs of oiled wildlife or oiled shorelines were observed.
- 184 Service personnel are involved in the oil spill response.
- Current efforts to mitigate impacts to refuges and wildlife in Louisiana continue as well as significant ongoing work to prepare for potential impacts across coast-line of Mississippi, Alabama and the west coast of Florida.

Wildlife Rehabilitation Centers

- Theodore, AL
- · Pensacola, FL
- Fort Jackson, LA
- Gulfport, MS

The Spill by the numbers

- Total Vessels (including tugs and skimmers): More than 559
- Boom deployed: More than 1.5 million feet (regular plus sorbent boom)
- Boom available: More than 1 million feet (regular plus sorbent boom)
- Oil and Water Mix Recovered: Approximately 6 million gallons
- Dispersant Used: Approximately 517,000 gallons
- Dispersant available: Approximately 250,000 gallons
- Overall Personnel Responding: Approximately 17,000
- 14 staging areas are in place and ready to protect sensitive shorelines. These areas include:

Dauphin Island, Ala. Orange Beach, Ala. Theodore, Ala. Panama City, Fla.
Pensacola, Fla.
Amelia, La.
Cocodrie, La.
Grand Isle, La.
Shell Beach, La.
Slidell, La.
Venice, La.
Biloxi, Miss.
Pascagoula, Miss.
Pass Christian, Miss.